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NOTE ON EVALUATION

ADDENDUM

The following is the reply received from the Permanent Mission of Bolivia on the evaluation of the Trade Centre's activities.

"The UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre has allotted Bolivia a single fellowship for a course at the Italian Institute for Industrial Reconstruction (IRI) on banking services for export trade, the holder being a high-level Bolivian specialist from the staff of the Foreign Trade Department of the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

"A number of government offices regularly receive the journal FORUM, and its high standard and its specialist articles on international trade are greatly appreciated.

"Some of the 'major published market surveys' have also been received, and we hope to receive the handbooks on trade promotion techniques already published or to be published by the Centre.

"In view of the importance of the Centre's publications, my Government (i.e. the Economic Department of the Foreign Ministry) would be glad to receive more copies, with a view to making them available not only to government organs but also to the private sector, where they could give a fillip to trade promotion activities.

"My Government regards the assistance given by the Centre through its four main services as of the utmost importance and usefulness for all developing countries, especially the relatively less developed. It therefore feels that the Centre's action programmes should pay particular attention to the technical assistance and advisory service needs of this group of countries, and also of land-locked countries.

"Bolivia will shortly have an Institute for Export Promotion ('INBOPEX') operating in the country, and for this it will need technical assistance 'in the field' for the efficient organization and development of the Institute, in connexion with the International Trade Centre's Trade Promotion Advisory Service.

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"Bolivia is a country rich in a great variety of natural resources, mineral and agricultural, but it has little experience of export trade, except in regard to minerals. Furthermore, as one of the relatively less developed countries, it has a vital need to diversify its production, which at present is essentially limited to tin-mining. For this reason assistance from the UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre through its four services is of vital importance for Bolivia, and we look forward to receiving this in the near future."